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SUBJECT: FIVE IV ALUMNI AND ONE SALZBURG SEMINAR ALUMNUS
WERE APPOINTED MINISTERS IN THE NEW JORDANIAN CABINET

1. FIVE IV ALUMNI OF THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM AND ONE SALZBURG SEMINAR ALUMNUS WERE APPOINTED MINISTERS IN THE NEW CABINET. THIS IS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE GOVERNMENT LED BY PRIME MINISTER ALI ABU RAGHEB WHO WAS FIRST APPOINTED IN JUNE 2000. TWENTY NINE CABINET MEMBERS WERE SWORN IN BEFORE HIS MAJESTY KING ABDULLAH ON JULY 21, 2003. THE ALUMNI ARE:

--H.E. DR. ABDUL RAZZAQ TBEISHAT, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL, RURAL AFFAIRS AND THE ENVIRONMENT. DR. TBEISAHT TRAVELED TO THE U.S. AS AN INDIVIDUAL INTERNATIONAL VISITOR IN 1982.

--H.E. MR. HAIDER MAHMOUD, MINISTER OF CULTURE. MR. MAHMOUD PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM IN 1982.

--H.E. DR. AHMAD HILAYEL, MINISTER OF AWQAF AND ISLAMIC AFFAIRS. DR. HILAYEL PARTICIPATED IN AN INDIVIDUAL IV PROGRAM ON "THE ROLE OF RELIGION" IN 1986.

--H.E. MR. MARWAN MUASHER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MR. MUASHER PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM ON "NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY" IN 1986.

--H.E. MR. SHAER BAK, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MR. BAK PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM ON "THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION" IN 1989.

--H.E. DR. NABIL EL SHARIF, MINISTER OF INFORMATION. DR. EL SHARIF PARTICIPATED IN SALZBURG SEMINAR SESSION ON "THE IMPACT OF THE MEDIA ON POLITICS PUBLIC POLICY AND WORLD EVENTS," IN 1995.
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